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Frye helps trees take root at Kearny High



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Students attending Kearny High School in coming years will enjoy the ample shade and beauty of more than 40 trees planted last month throughout the sprawling campus in Linda Vista.

The trees came courtesy of a Community Development Block Grant provided by Councilmember Frye, who joined students, teachers, city staff members and a crew from the Urban Corps of San Diego County at a planting ceremony.

Frye said she was “delighted to be a part of bringing these gorgeous trees to Kearny, and to be here on a beautiful spring morning to help launch the effort of getting them into the ground.”

Urban forester Drew Potocki, who has planted thousands of trees throughout San Diego in a career with the city spanning decades, taught a group of students the proper way to plant a tree. He joined Frye in turning the first spadefuls of dirt for one of 16 jacarandas now gracing the school grounds.

Also among the 43 trees planted were crape myrtles, African sumac, Chinese pistache and golden medallion. The project was the brainchild of JoAnn Carini, a longtime Linda Vista activist whose efforts have resulted in scores of trees being planted throughout the community. She was aided in her efforts by Cheryl Hibbeln, principal of Kearny’s School of Digital Media and Design.



Councilmember Frye (front row, third from right) helped plant trees at Kearny High with students, teachers and staff from the city, school district and Urban Corps of San Diego County.

Soaring in Linda Vista



These joyous fliers can attest to the good-time fun at the 24th Annual Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair & Parade April 25. See more on Page 4.

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Event highlights San Diego River's beauty & bounty

One of Councilmember Frye's favorite events for a favorite cause is coming up this month: San Diego River Days 2009, two weekends of fun-filled activities promoting awareness, enjoyment and restoration of this precious natural jewel.

Bisecting Mission Valley on its 52-mile path from mountain headwaters to the Pacific Ocean, the San Diego River is a living thread, linking the region's original native inhabitants, earliest European settlers and modern-day residents.

River Days is about all that – and more.

"It's a great opportunity for the public to get out and see the river like they've never seen it before," said Rob Hutsel, executive director of the San Diego River Park Foundation, which is hosting the sixth annual event for the San Diego River Coalition it leads.

What started out in 2004 as a one-day celebration has grown to two weekends – May 9-10 and 16-17 – with dozens of activities planned from one end of the river to the other. More than 6,000 participants are expected.

There'll be a nature-garden tour in the Mission Valley Preserve, and litter and graffiti cleanups along other Valley shorelines. Elsewhere will be trail hikes, bird-watching excursions and many other nature-oriented activities led by volunteers from among the more than 70 non-profit groups that comprise the San Diego River Coalition.

"You'll be able to go with people who know the river and care about the river," Hutsel said.

Events will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 9 in Ocean Beach, where, after doughnuts and coffee, participants can pedal off on a 12-mile bike ride or spend some time pulling weeds and invasive plants along the river mouth's salt- and freshwater estuary.

Councilmember Frye helped kick off last year's events.

event Sunday, May 17, when Mission Valley's quarry-mining Grant family will sign over a 17-acre land dedication to the river park foundation for a future riparian interpretive center. The 1 p.m. ceremony at Qualcomm Way and Camino del Rio North will be followed by an ice cream social. Reservations are requested in advance for this.

For reservations, more information or a complete schedule of activities, log onto http://sandiegoriver.org/river_days.php or call the foundation at (619) 297-7380.

Hutsel sees new faces at San Diego River Days every year, along with many others who discovered the river's wonders at a prior event and have kept coming back – or better yet, have joined one or more of the sponsoring coalition groups.

"We'll see people who'll say, 'Wow, I didn't know this was here,'" Hutsel said. "It shows how many organizations and people are working together on the future of the river."



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Residents, volunteers pitch in to spruce up Clairemont on cleanup day



Donna, staffers and cleanup volunteers had some fun with a discarded windsurf board.

Donna, her staff and community leaders helped residents fill three dumpsters with debris April 25 at the Clairemont cleanup event. Assisting the effort were members of the Clairemont Community News, the Clairemont Chamber of Commerce and the Clairemont Town Council.



Residents brought trash by the truckload.

Vuefinder Photography



“Servapalooza” event honors kids pursuing causes for peace

Councilmember Frye and hundreds of others attended the “Servapalooza” festival April 26 in Balboa Park. The event celebrating Global Youth Service Day was organized by Kids for Peace, Volunteer San Diego and eXcel Youth Zone.

Kids for Peace is an international non-profit that cultivates children’s innate ability to promote peace through cross-cultural experiences, arts, service and environmental projects. Among other endeavors, the organization focuses on service locally and globally with “peace packs” -- care packages made by children, for children. More than 40 Kids for Peace chapters nationwide are working to spread peace throughout the world.

Frye presented commendations to Kids for Peace founders Jill McManigal and Danielle Gram. She also proclaimed the date “Kids for Peace Day” in the Sixth Council District.

Frye participated in one of the festival highlights, the “Parade of Wishes,” escorted by Hana Craft, 11, and Georgia Goldsmith, 6. Making a one-mile loop through Balboa Park, the parade included marching bands, cheerleaders and other school groups. Children carried banners proclaiming their hopes for world



Councilmember Frye helped young peace activists make crafts with a message at Servapalooza.

peace and how, by serving, they want to help make this wish a reality.

Festival-goers took part in hands-on projects, such as decorating environmental reusable bags, painting canvases for a mural that will be displayed in Egypt, and creating books for villages in Uganda. They also had youth performers, raffles, a silent auction, and plenty of good food.

Councilmember Frye salutes the Servapalooza organizers and participants, and applauds their inspirational efforts to promote peace at home and abroad.



Frye (left center) commended event participants and sponsors for their peacemaking efforts.



Mosaics brighten Bayside

Three large and lovely mosaic masterpieces — one of which is pictured at left — now grace the lobby at the Bayside Community Center in Linda Vista. The art-works, depicting Bayside’s rich history and ongoing service, were created at Bayside in March through the work of more than 300 volunteers. A fourth mosaic is in the works. Titled “3,000 houses in 300 days,” the large piece will tell the story of how Linda Vista was created. The center is using it as a fundraiser — donors names will be included on tiles within and the goal is to raise \$50,000 for the center through this work of art. For more information, visit www.bayside.org or contact Bayside Director Jorge Riquelme at (858) 278-0771.

Culture, diversity shine at Linda Vista fair & parade



On a day that featured clear blue skies and a sea of broad smiles, the Linda Vista community celebrated its richness and diversity with the annual Multi-Cultural Fair & Parade. Donna Frye joined school kids and marching bands, beauty-contest winners and owners of vintage cars, marching bands and marching veterans and cops and a wide variety of proud representatives of ethnic groups in a lively stroll down Linda Vista Road. There were rides for the kids, dozens of arts & crafts booths for their parents and plenty of food and refreshments for everybody. The fair, which drew hundreds from throughout the community, was another rousing success.



Councilmember Frye was interviewed by students reporting on San Diego's budget crisis.

Student production focuses on budget

Often it helps to get new perspectives on tough situations, and the City of San Diego's budget mess is no exception.

San Diego in the Red is the title of an upcoming local cable production on what it will take to get our City out of its current financial deficit. It will air on Instructional Television (iTV) Channel 16, produced at the County Board of Education studios in Linda Vista.

Multi-media and video production students from Point Loma High School interviewed Councilmember Frye in her office last month while filming the report.

San Diego in the Red is expected to air sometime in May, so keep an eye out for it on the iTV broadcast schedule at <http://www.sdcoe.tv/list.asp>. This discussion by young people who will inherit the City's debt should be illuminating for anyone concerned our local economy.



Mural in Mission Valley pays homage to San Diego River

More than 80 volunteers turned out April 3-5 to help paint a river-themed mural on a block wall in a small parking lot on the San Diego River's northern bank at Mission Center Road and Hazard Center Drive. Artist Andrea Gore-Wilson Arroyo designed the mural, depicting a blue ribbon representing the river linking people and places from the mountains to the shore. The project was sponsored and coordinated by the San Diego River Park Foundation.



Designing artist Andrea Gore-Wilson Arroyo.



Mother and daughter Susie and Francesca Guidi of Point Loma added some finishing touches.



Volunteers Renee Riley (left) and Barb Cattedra helped paint the river mural



U.S. National Park Service

Teens can get cool summer jobs at Cabrillo Monument

Know of any teens interested in a summer job helping the environment and beautifying one of the region's most awesome national treasures?

The U.S. National Park Service is accepting applications from youths age 15 to 18 for its summer Youth Conservation Corps program at Point Loma's Cabrillo National Monument.

Crew members will work up to 40 hours a week on a wide range of projects, including removing iceplant and other non-native vegetation; installing erosion-control systems; and restoring historic structures. Pay is \$8 an hour.

Applications are due by June 5. Additional information and application forms can be downloaded from the service's Web site, <http://www.nps.gov/cabr/parkmgmt/jobs.htm>.



Mesa College student forms club to help save rain forests



Lindsey Tarr was looking for a way to make a real difference in the real world. The Mesa College student is trying to do that by helping save the planet's precious rain forests, a few square feet at a time.

"We are faced today with so many big issues," said Tarr, who is about to finish her associate's degree at the Linda Vista campus. "But this is one important thing everyone can do every day, just by clicking their computer's mouse."

Tarr, who hails from Glenwood Springs, Colo., formed the OneClub to not only raise awareness of the plight of the world's diminishing rain forests, but also to provide a practical way to help.

"I heard about this rain-forest Web site, www.therainforestsites.com. Anyone who simply goes on the site and clicks a button can protect 11.4 square feet of rain forest," she said. "You can click once every day, and best of all it's free."

The conservation program is funded by sponsors who advertise on the site, Tarr said. "It's part of the Greater Good Network, through which advertisers donate to non-profit organizations for a variety of good causes."

More than 70 students have joined OneClub so far and have helped preserve thousands of square feet of rain forest.

"We're working now on a petition to get the rain-forest site as the home page on all campus computers. Imagine how many clicks and how much of the rain forest we could save," Tarr said. "The idea came to me in the middle of the night; I got so excited I couldn't sleep anymore."

Pursuing the rain-forest cause has a side benefit of almost equal importance, she said.

"As much as the OneClub is about trying to save rain forests, it's also about creating a community within the campus," Tarr said. "We're trying to get OneClub to be a buzz word around Mesa, and I feel it's reaching that point."

Acknowledging Armenian history



Councilmember Frye met last month with descendants of survivors of the 1915-23 Armenian Genocide, perpetrated by the former Ottoman Empire in what is now the Republic of Turkey. She issued a proclamation declaring April 24, 2009, "Armenian Genocide Awareness Day" in Council District Six.



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Canyon Day a sun-splashed success

Nature lovers were in their glory at the 2nd Annual Canyon Day on April 18, celebrating the ecological wonders of Tecolote Canyon. Groups of hikers learned about birds and plants and geology common to San Diego urban canyons on guided tours. And Eliose Battle (right) provided an insightful history of the long struggle to get the city to set aside Tecolote as a preserve. An added delight was a tour of the burgeoning organic garden at Mesa College, which was the event's main sponsor.



Free programs at Mission Valley Branch Library

2123 Fenton Parkway, (858) 573-5007



Yoga classes for kids

May 4, 18
Ages 2-3, 1:15 p.m.;
ages 4-5, 1:50 p.m.



Debt relief seminar

May 13, 6:30 p.m.



Retirement planning seminar

May 6, 6:30 p.m.



Library databases demonstration

May 27, 6 p.m.

Children's storytimes

Baby - toddler (infant to 2)
Tuesdays (May 5, 12, 19, 26), 10:30 a.m.
(in Spanish, 11 a.m.)

Babysigns (infant to 2)
2nd Thursday (May 14), 3:30

Preschool (ages 3 to 5)
Thursdays (May 7, 14, 21, 28), 10:30 a.m.



Rock 'n' Roll Marathon will close many roads

Attention all drivers, bicyclists and other road users: The 12th Annual Rock 'n' Roll Marathon will return to San Diego on Sunday, May 31. A detailed "road closure brochure" is available online at http://www.rnrmarathon.com/elite/Assets/rnrmarathon/pdf/sd_road_closure_09_re.pdf

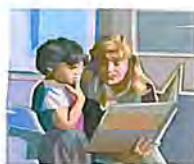
Complete course information, no parking zones, and alternate access routes to many popular destinations are also available online at http://www.rnrmarathon.com/course_info/road_closures.html



@ the Library

North Clairemont Library
4616 Clairemont Drive * 858-581-9931

Free Guitar Concert Mesa College Ensemble Wed May 20 @ 6:30 p.m.



Mommy & Me - Preschool Music & Activities
Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, Music and Song
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Special Guests for Two Storytimes in May

Mama Rainey - Story through Songs and Puppets
Thursday, May 14 @ 10:30 a.m.



Sign-A-Circle Storytime with Ms. Monta
Based on the American Sign Language system
Thursday, May 21 @ 10:30 a.m.

This information will be made available in alternative format upon request.
www.SupportMyLibrary.org





Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	858-495-7856
Animal Regulation	619-236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	619-338-2073
Birth and Death Records	619-237-0502
Brush Abatement	619-533-4444
Building Permits	619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	619-233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	858-292-6484
City Council Docket Info	619-533-4000
City Directory	619-236-5555
Code Violations	619-236-5500
Curb Maintenance	619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	858-694-7000
Dog Licenses	619-767-2675
Fire Stations	619-533-4300
Graffiti	619-525-8522
Hazardous Materials Hotline	858-694-7000
Housing Commission	619-231-9400
Humane Society	619-299-7012
Libraries	
Balboa	858-573-1390
Clairemont	858-581-9935
Linda Vista	858-573-1399
Mission Valley	858-573-5000
North Clairemont	858-581-9931
Serra Mesa	858-573-1396
Noise Regulation	619-236-5500
Office of Small Business	619-685-1390
Park and Recreation	619-525-8219
Parking Citations	619-236-7145
Police: Non-Emergency	619-531-2000
Pot Hole Hotline	619-527-7500
Recreation Centers	
Kearny Mesa	858-573-1387
Linda Vista	858-573-1392
North Clairemont	858-581-9926
Serra Mesa	858-573-1408
South Clairemont	858-581-9924
Tecolote	858-581-9933
Recycling Hotline	858-694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	619-236-6905
Serra Mesa Community Connection	858-565-2473
Sewer Repair/Spills	619-515-3525
Sidewalk Maintenance	619-527-7500
Social Services Information	211
Stormwater Pollution Hotline	619-235-1000
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Street Sweeping	619-527-7500
Traffic Control	619-533-3126
Tree Maintenance	619-527-7500
Waste Reduction & Disposal	858-492-5010
Water Emergency	619-515-3525
Water Utilities	619-515-3500
Zoning Regulation Information	619-236-5555

District Six Community Meetings

Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee

Place: To be announced

When: 4th Wednesday/Month (may vary)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Clairemont Town Council, <http://www.clairemontonline.com/>

Place: Clairemont High School Cafeteria

4150 Ute Drive

When: 1st Thursday/Month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee

Place: LiveWell San Diego (formerly Clairemont

Senior Friendship Center)

4425 Bannock Ave.

When: 3rd Tuesday/Month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kearny Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library

9005 Aero Drive

When: 3rd Wednesday/Month

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Linda Vista Town Council

Place: Baha'i Center

6545 Alcala Knolls Drive

When: 3rd Thursday/Month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Linda Vista Planning Group

Place: Linda Vista Library

2160 Ulric Street

When: 4th Monday/Month

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Bay Park Committee

Place: Rotating Venue

When: 1st Tuesday/Month

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Valley Community Council

Place: Mission Valley Library

2123 Fenton Parkway

When: 3rd Monday/Odd Months

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Mission Valley Planning Group

Place: Mission Valley Library

2123 Fenton Parkway

When: 1st Wednesday/Month

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Serra Mesa Community Council

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library

9005 Aero Drive

When: 4th Wednesday/Month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Serra Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library

9005 Aero Drive

When: 3rd Thursday/Month

Time: 7:00 p.m.



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